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QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2016 was 70.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2015, and up 4 percent from June 1, 2016. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.02 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 64.8 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from last quarter.

The **June-August 2016 pig crop**, at 32.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2015. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.02 million head, up slightly from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.58 for the June-August period, compared to 10.39 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.20 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the September-November 2016 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, and down 2 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for December-February 2017, at 2.93 million sows, are down slightly from 2016, but up 1 percent from 2015. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2015 through June 2016 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the December 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.9 percent. The net revision made to the March 2016 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. A revision of 1.9 percent was made to the December-February 2016 pig crop. A revision of 0.1 percent was made to the June 2016 all hogs and pigs inventory.

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